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NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION AND  
REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due and an accompanying Notice of Allowability from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in the above-identified application. However, the Notice of Allowability did not acknowledge Applicants' Claim to Priority or the USPTO's receipt of the foreign priority document. The Claim to Priority and certified copies of the priority documents were filed on August 3, 2004. Receipt of the same was acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action dated January 3, 2007. Nonetheless, because acknowledgment of the Claim to Priority and of receipt of the

certified copies of the priority documents are not noted on the Notice of Allowability, out of an abundance of caution, Applicant requests acknowledgment of priority to ensure that the proper priority data is printed on the cover page of the issued patent.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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